



Friday, 9th November 2018

Kia ora tātou.

It was wonderful to celebrate the success of our senior students at last week's Senior Prizegiving ceremony. Many thanks to the staff who arranged the evening.

The Senior Prizegiving is a chance for us to recognise the ability and hard work of all students at Glendowie College. We are fortunate to have a highly engaged student body, and this shone through on Wednesday night as our students received their various certificates and cups.

Students left the following day for study leave and many, by the time you read this, will have sat their first NCEA exam. A number of students are coming into school for tutorials and other support. Please contact your child(ren)'s teacher, faculty leader, or Dean/Assistant Dean if you have any questions about how best to support your child(ren).

I am confident that our students will do well.

Road Safety

Over the last two terms, we have had a small but noticeable number of phone calls from members of the public with regard to young adults' use of vehicles on the roads around the college. As students start to have more free time, including now when they will be driving to the college for an exam or to a friend's place to study, it would be timely to talk with your child about road safety. This includes pedestrians.

By far and large, our students are very responsible and polite. However, they are teenagers who can be distracted or forget to fully check the road as they drive, or cross the pedestrian crossing, etc. They can also over-estimate the attention that other drivers are paying and assume that the 'other person' has seen them.

I encourage you to discuss this with your child. I appreciate that it is not the most popular choice of conversation, but it is a very important one.



Parents' Association

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Parents' Association for their ongoing support of the college and our students. This year, the Association has raised over \$15,000 as well as organised the Quad gardening day and other social events for parents to connect informally with the college. Thank you to

Sara Haddon and her amazing team.

**Richard Dykes
Principal**



Upcoming Events:

November

- 20 Junior Science Expo (6pm-8pm, Library)
- 23 Teacher Only Day
- 23-29 Junior Exams
- 28 Board of Trustees Meeting (6pm-9pm, Boardroom)

December

- 3-4 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Journey
- 3-5 2019 Prefects Camp
- 4 Board of Trustees Meeting (6pm-7pm, Boardroom)
- 4 Visual Arts End of Year Exhibition (6pm-8pm, Hall)
- 5 Year 13 Leavers' Dinner (7pm-11pm, Alexandra Park Racecourse)
- 6 Quad Opening (5pm-7pm)
- 6-10 Duke of Edinburgh Gold Journey
- 7-9 Duke of Edinburgh Silver Journey
- 11 Junior Prizegiving (10am-12pm, Hall)
- 11 End of Term 4

(For a full list of upcoming events, please see the calendar on the college website.)



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School Prefects 2019

Congratulations to all our school prefects for 2019.



Edward Blair
Head Boy



Jessica Nielsen
Head Girl



Eilish Wood
Deputy Head Girl



William Evans
Deputy Head Boy

Rūaumoko

Girls	Boys
Tayla Clark Christina Murrell Julia Tan Jodie Dickins	Anthony White Henry Harford Samuel Calvert Fynn Hickey

Tangaroa

Girls	Boys
Lydia Edgeworth Brianna Green Jessica McIntosh Michaela Ivanier	Thomas Hayward Liam Ng Michael Hope Nathan Philipiah

Tāwhirimātea

Girls	Boys
Bridget Barter Niamh Montgomery Francesca Treuren Sascha Moltschaniwskyj Oliva Hay	Cole Bullet Matthew Calvert Oliver White

Tāne Mahuta

Girls	Boys
Mayna Tse Nikita Horselenberg Alison Winstanley Arbel Tenembaum	Cole Davis Julian van der Plank Liam Wilson Louis Carrier



School Buses

It has been communicated to parents in previous newsletters that we have had issues with Auckland Transport trying to have the bus service return to the level of service prior to the changes made at the end of Term 2. After a number of meetings with Auckland Transport and the assistance of Desley Simpson, the Orakei Ward City Counsellor, the service is back to the original level. The exception is having a bus cater for the late start on Wednesdays, but we will continue to work on that. We know out of school services to the St Johns/Remuera area has become more difficult with the 007 bus being discontinued.

Other schools in the central Auckland area have had greater difficulty. Diocesan School for Girls commissioned a research survey which some parents may have participated in. Below is a letter describing parental concerns, the subsequent interactions with Auckland Transport and how to be involved if you are interested.

Mr Gordon Robertson, Deputy Principal

Dear School Transport Coordinators,

As you know, Auckland Transport's (AT's) changes to the school bus service has resulted in thousands of Auckland school children losing their ability to get to and from schools on bespoke school buses at the right times and in a safe and reliable manner. Fully subscribed buses, both within zones and inter-zones, have been abolished or greatly reduced. Some schools are barely serviced at all. Children are expected to navigate transfers and crowded public buses which, in many instances do not depart from close to schools/homes and require car travel on main arterial routes as part of the commute.

When concerns about the comprehensive dismantlement of the service were initially raised with AT, the organisation was dismissive of the negative repercussions. Specifically, AT was asked how it made sense to devise a strategy that puts children into cars, that puts children off public transport and that exacerbates Auckland traffic congestion (which is evidently worse during term time at the best of times). The organisation denied that such negative consequences would be evident.

Officials said the system should be allowed some time to operate before being assessed and that the very few complaints were not indicative of an institutional problem. They asked for data that corroborated the perception of a problem. Accordingly, a survey was prepared to ask parents about ways the changes have impacted their transport options in terms of making it easier, more difficult or impossible to get to school by bus. Thousands of responses were submitted.

Put simply, the survey results articulated the frustration and disbelief on the part of parents in the face of no bus options, buses coming at the wrong time, being required to drive their kids in the wrong direction to get a bus in the right direction, multiple transfers adding huge delays to travel times, full buses driving past their kids and buses not sticking to routes or timetables.

Feedback regarding kids being pushed around, stopped from getting off buses, harassed at transfer points, robbed, left behind, dropped off at peculiar places, stalked and hurt might not be indicative of the general public bus experience. But some of the graphic examples given both through the survey and through related parental correspondence have been confronting and heart-breaking. It also made clear that parents have no intention of letting younger kids navigate such a child unfriendly system, whereas before they were happy on school buses.

Last week the issue was raised again with AT at their headquarters. AT had been sent the raw survey data as a courtesy. Notwithstanding the fact that they had initially asked for it and had the data for weeks, we were informed that no one had spent time analysing it. Officials were candid in explaining that AT's Board has not and will not prioritise school buses. AT's Board is, according to its functionaries, not focused on reducing school traffic. They invited us to try and change the Board's opinion but expressed no confidence this could be done. Further they said that the perception is that it doesn't make sense to have a mass transit system servicing schools directly.



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Those of you who have followed this issue might be aware that one of the most major challenges relates to the lack of an imperative to provide school buses in the current iteration of the Auckland Regional Transport Plan. That plan is currently under review and submissions can be made from 19 November. If schools and parents want any chance of reinstating the system which worked so well, then the only way to do that is by amending the Regional Transport Plan. This is the only way to get kids – particularly the little ones – out of cars, into buses and safety to where they need to go.

At the moment there is no information about the revision of the plan on the AT site and no helpful links. However, if in due course you would like to be sent information about how to provide a submission (which does not have to be long) and how to copy it to your local Member of Parliament and City Councillors, please e-mail your interest to aucklandschoolbus@gmail.com and we will provide details and links for you when they become available.

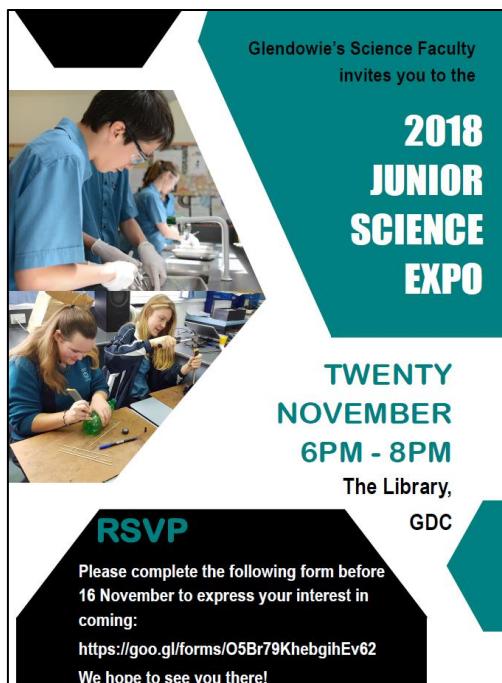
*Kind Regards
Penny Tucker, Director Advocacy Works*

New Homestay Families required for Glendowie College International Students for Term 1, 2019

Glendowie College has students coming from a diverse range of nationalities to study either long term or short term in 2019. We are looking for new homestay families, who are interested in hosting (for Term 1, 2019) and looking after international students while they are studying at the college.

If you are interested, please contact Mrs Barbara Takase of Hippo Homestay for further information regarding requirements and remuneration. Contact email: info@minnoweducation.com

Junior Science Expo 2018



The Glendowie College Science Faculty invites you to visit the Junior Science Expo on Tuesday, 20 November 2018 from 6pm to 8pm in the College Library.

Take a tour around the library to see what year 9 and 10 Science students have been up to this year. Year 9 students can have a glimpse of what exciting units are coming up next year!

There will be displays of student work interpreted by the students themselves, and juice/nibbles will be provided.

RSVP – If you are interested to come along, please complete this form [2018 Junior Science Expo](#) by Friday, 16 November 2018.

Miss Aileen Jan, Faculty of Science



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2018 Senior Prizegiving

A very successful Senior Prizegiving took place on 31 October 2018 (Wednesday) to recognize the top academic students in each subject as well as overall year level winners. Students were also recognized for their service and leadership within the school through a number of special awards. A record number of students received Scholarships from New Zealand Universities.

A huge thanks must go to Mrs Christine Myhre and Mrs Celia Finn for their time, effort and special skills in producing the quality musical performances on the night.

Congratulations to all prize and Scholarship recipients!



*Deanna Louis & Family
Dux & UoA Top Achiever Scholarship*



*Julia Tan
Top Scholar in Year 12*



*Tyler Sullivan & Jamie Martin
Maddock's Memorial Cup Winners*



*Olivia Davies
Proxime Accessit*



*Gemma Scott & Daniel Yee
The Prize Shield & McMinn Cup*



*May Gan
Top Scholar in Year 11*



2018 & 2019 Student Leaders

*Front L-R: Eilish Wood (2019 Deputy Head Girl), Jessica Nielsen (2019 Head Girl), Deanna Louis (2018 Deputy Head Girl) and Tyler Sullivan (2018 Head Girl)
Back L-R: Jamie Martin (2018 Head Boy), William Evans (2019 Deputy Head Boy), Edward Blair (2019 Head Boy) and Camilo Aristizabal Gomez (2018 Deputy Head Boy)*

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SCHOLARSHIPS

• The Glendowie College Development Foundation Trust Scholarships <ul style="list-style-type: none">— The Māori Pasifika School Leavers Scholarship— The Glendowie College Development Trust Service Scholarship	Teegan O'Connor Gemma Scott
• Peter McKenzie Scholarship	Lilyann Huang
• Tamaki Lions Club Scholarships <ul style="list-style-type: none">— The Academic Scholarship— The Technology Scholarship	Sophie Painter Kelvin Wong
• Ara Lodge Visual Arts Award	Tamilla Muedinova
• The Hoysted Scholarship	Lucy Wallace
• The Gillian Rae Cassey Memorial Scholarship	Emma Barrett-Garnier
• Victoria University of Wellington Victoria Tangiwai Scholarships	Susannah Clements and Kyla Graham
• Auckland University of Technology Academic Excellence Scholarship	Brodie Tokios
• Auckland University of Technology Significant Student Scholarship	Ashley Khoo
• University of Otago New Frontiers Excellence Scholarships	Ella Bayliss, Caroline Cross, Benjamin Hammer, Emily Jones, Jessica Munnik, Archie Porteous
• University of Otago Performance Entrance Scholarships	Sara Everitt and Martin Jonkers
• University of Otago Leaders of Tomorrow Entrance Scholarship	Tarun Muralidhar
• University of Auckland Faculty of Arts Entry Level Undergraduate Scholarship	Olivia Davies
• University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarships	Deanna Louis and Matthew Edwards
• University of Canterbury Go Canterbury Scholarship	Jamie Martin and Jocelin Porterfield

SPECIAL AWARDS

• University of Auckland Faculty of Arts Award	Alison Winstanley
• The Mike Pero Award	Isaac Mercer
• Taku Huarahi Taonga	Jovahnn Teura
• Amith Cup	May Gan
• M A Grove Memorial Trophy	James Ballentyne
• The Rotary Club of Auckland East Cup	Sean Gibbs
• Diligence Cup	Tate King
• Hooper Cup	Jessica Nielsen
• Timothy Wells Memorial Cup – Top Scholar in Year 11	May Gan
• Andrea Boyd Memorial Cup – Top Scholar in Year 12	Julia Tan
• McMinn Cup – Top Year 13 Student Undertaking Vocational Courses	Daniel Yee
• The Pride Shield	Gemma Scott
• The Deans' Cup	Deanna Louis
• Past Pupils Trophy	Michael Song
• The Edward van Boheemen Service Cup	Tarun Muralidhar
• Leadership Trophy	Camilo Aristizabal Gomez
• General Excellence Year 13	Beatrice Smit and Matthew Edwards
• Maddock's Memorial Cups	Tyler Sullivan and Jamie Martin
• Proxime Accessit	Olivia Davies
• Dux	Deanna Louis

A full list of the Senior Subject Prize-winners can be downloaded [here](#)



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2018 Leavers' Concert

The Leavers' Concert was held in the school hall on Thursday, 25 October, 2018. It is a time when we acknowledge the contribution to Music at the College over the last 5 years, and also recognise the talent that has been nurtured and developed within the co-curricular programme.

Students recognised were:

Samuel Cogger	Concert Band, Big Band
Khai Gan	Concert Band
Caitlin Herbert	Concert Band, Choir (leader)
Lilyann Huang	Choir
Emily Jones	Concert Band, Choir
Ashley Khoo	Concert Band, String Orchestra
Po-Chen Liu	Concert Band, Big Band
Deanna Louis	Concert Band (Leader), Choir accompanist
Azita Nafissi	String Orchestra (Leader)
Alvaro Nola Dodd	String Orchestra
Jack Sandford	Concert Band, Big Band
Gemma Scott	Concert Band, Big Band (Leader)
Michael Song	Concert Band, Big Band
Eve Walter	Choir

The hall was beautifully decorated by Year 12 musicians, our MC was Sam Cogger and performances were given by all the large groups as well as soloists, Ashley Khoo (Cello) and Michael Song (Piano).

It was certainly a fitting ending to successful year.

Mrs Christine Myhre, Faculty Leader Arts

2018 Leavers' Morning Tea

Staff and students were served scones with jam and cream at a Leavers' morning tea, courtesy of the Glendowie College Alumni, on Thursday November 1, following the year 13s' last-ever school assembly.

It was an opportunity for the departing students to bid farewell to each other and their teachers as they headed off on study leave. Students were also invited to sign up to the Alumni, so they can keep in touch with each other and the school in the years and decades to come. Students and parents can stay connected by clicking [here](#).

Special thanks to Ms Gee and her Year 10 Food Technology class who helped with topping 400 scone halves!

Ms Nicole Parish, Alumni Advancement Coordinator



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Olympiad Geography



Earlier in Term 3, I took part in the first stage of the Geography Olympiad testing, which I had written an essay on the future implications of climate change on Hong Kong and Auckland for. I did not think much about it until I received an email a few weeks later informing me that I had been chosen to attend the second stage of testing in Wellington, along with ten other students, and four of whom would be selected for the 2019 New Zealand iGeo team.

In Wellington, we spent a day at the Wellington Girls College undertaking intensive testing which replicated the real International Geography Olympiad tests. These included a multimedia test, a written response test, a physical geography test on volcanoes and a fieldwork test, where we surveyed the Thorndon suburb in order to write an evaluation on the solutions to a geographical issue. The testing was challenging as it was something I had never done before, but it was fun. I was not confident that I would receive a spot in the 2019 iGeo team due to the difficult testing. However, on my way back to Auckland, I received a phone call from Anna Wilson, one of the 2019 iGeo team leaders, who informed me that I had made it into the 2019 New Zealand iGeo team. This was a very exciting news for me. I immediately informed Ms Gibb, Faculty Leader Social Sciences and Geography teacher, about the news.

On 30 July next year, team leaders, Anna Wilson and Simon Cusheen, other iGeo team members and I will travel to Vietnam, then onto Hong Kong for the International Geography Olympiad, where we will compete individually and also as a team along with students from 42 other countries from around the world. The Olympiad will be based in Hong Kong and will last for two weeks. The theme is about sustainable and vibrant cities for a smart future, and we will have excursions to many places in and around Hong Kong, as well as the testing itself and cultural nights. It will be an amazing experience to meet other enthusiastic geographers from around the globe and to learn about the future of geography and our world.



I would like to thank Ms Gibb for her commitment and enthusiasm, and for always encouraging me to do my best. I would not have this amazing opportunity of a lifetime without her support.

Callum Collier, Year 12 Student

Celebrating Business Success

On 29 October 2018, BizWhiz, our Young Enterprise Scheme (YES) company run by Isaac Mercer (Year 13) and Lydia Edgeworth (Year 12), was presented the 'Excellence in Company Spirit' award for creating and running an innovative company at the YES regional awards at B:Hive in Takapuna. Congratulations to Isaac and Lydia on such an amazing achievement!





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Duke of Edinburgh Silver and Bronze Information for 2019

For Duke of Edinburgh in 2019, Bigfoot Adventures have confirmed the following dates for the Silver and Bronze tramps. The Online Record Book (\$95) needs to be purchased and paid for directly to Duke of Edinburgh.

Training for the tramp needs to be completed through Peak Performance Solutions (Bronze \$65, Silver \$65). Their website is <http://www.bronzetraining.com/>. All students need to complete 20 hours online training.

All tramps for Bronze and Silver will be outsourced with payments made directly to Bigfoot Adventures (\$190 per Bronze trip and \$280 per Silver trip).

- The Bronze tramps are scheduled for 6 and 7 April 2019. The final tramp is on 26 and 27 November 2019. The Teacher-in-charge is Mr Richard Thompson thr@gdc.school.nz
- The Silver tramps are scheduled for 30 March and 1 April 2019. The final tramp is on 9-11 October 2019. The Teacher-in-charge is Miss Robyn Lewis lws@gdc.school.nz

The Gold adventurous journey dates are still to be confirmed, and it is hoped they will be finalised in Term 1, 2019. The practice tramp, training and qualifying journey will be provided and run by the award leaders at the college in conjunction with specialised providers for the kayaking aspect of the trip. The Teacher-in-charge is Miss Fiona Smith smi@gdc.school.nz

Glendowie College will charge a minimal fee of \$10 to students who would like to hire their gear. For general enquiries, please contact Mr Richard Thompson thr@gdc.school.nz

Mr Richard Thompson, Faculty of Health and Physical Education

Europe History Trip 2020



Europe History Trip - April 2020

Opportunity of a Lifetime!

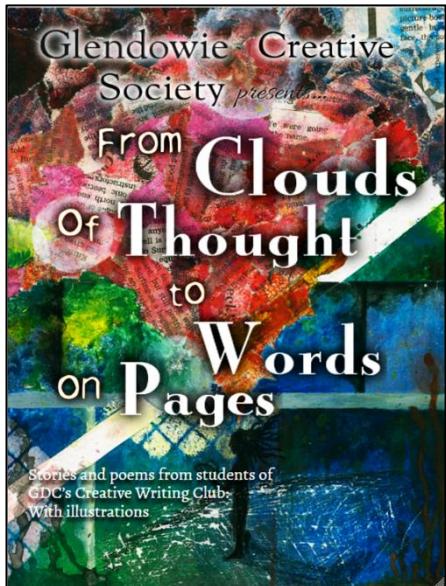
Experience the history and culture of France, Belgium and Germany.

For more information please email Ms Michelle Simpson
sim@gdc.school.nz



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Glendowie Creative Writing Club



This year at Glendowie College, a club was founded which focused on student expression through creative writing. The purpose of the club is to create a magazine with contents solely made by students.

All the art, illustrations, poems and stories featured in the magazine are created by our students for you to enjoy!

The magazine comes in full colour and costs only \$5, which just covers the printing costs (our goal is not to make a profit). If you are interested in ordering one, please email 17310@gdc.school.nz or 15049@gdc.school.nz

We would really appreciate your support of our club by purchasing one of our magazines!

KohEun Lee, Arbel Tenembaum (Leaders) and the students of Glendowie Creative Writing Club

Credit Balances – Parent and Student Portal

You can access the [Portal](#) for school information and payments.

Full instructions are available [here](#).

If the Portal shows a credit balance, please contact Mrs Bernadette Hyde on hyd@gdc.school.nz to use this up.

Ms Lisa Davis-Miller, Business Manager

Parenting Helpline

Parent Help is a non profit organisation supporting parents to build resilient and positive families/whānau.

They run a free confidential parenting Helpline for parents and caregivers. The Helpline is available from 9am – 9pm, 7 days a week providing advice, support and practical strategies on any parenting challenge.

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www.parenthelp.org.nz

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